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In re the Application of:

YAMAMOTO et al.

Art Unit: 2613

Application No.: 09/355,991

Examiner: Shawn S. An

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 100806-09022

For: DIGITAL BROADCAST RECEIVER AND DISPLAY APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 24, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed September 25, 2002, the Applicants hereby elects Species II, directed to claims 1-6 and reading on Fig. 4, with traverse. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected Species.

Applicants traverse the Election/Restriction Requirement. This application is a National Stage Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT application PCT/JP98/00910 filed March 4, 1998. No objection was raised as to the lack of unity of invention at the international stage of the PCT application. Accordingly, MPEP sections 1850, 1875 and 1893.03(d) apply to the present application (MPEP 802). Restriction practice under 35 U.S.C. 121 as it applies to National applications submitted under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) is not applicable to National Stage applications filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 (MPEP 1895.01(D)).

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Accordingly, the Election/Restriction Requirement dated September 25, 2002 is improper. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this Election/Restriction Requirement.

In view of the Applicant's above election and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. However, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election/Restriction Requirement and examination of claims 1-25 on the merits.

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